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In re Patent Application of )

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A )  
FLUID-PERVIOUS FABRIC FOR )  
IMPARTING A PATTERN TO A )  
FIBRE WEB, SUCH A FLUID- )  
PERVIOUS FABRIC, AND SUCH A )  
FIBRE WEB )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the claims as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 3-6, 10-14, 17, 20-24, as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the heating means are provided in at least one of said press surfaces (108, 112) and heat said fabric structure (106) at least in positions intended to become said deformation zones (111, 111').

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the fluid-pervious fabric is preheated before said deformation in the Z-direction.

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